THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

Deputation policy in CSD

4610. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a set policy for tenure of deputation for officers on lien to Canteen Stores Department;

(b) whether it is a fact that this policy on tenure of deputation is not being strictly followed;

(c) how many officers are staying on at CSD beyond normal deputation tenure;

(d) the reasons for not enforcing this policy; and

(e) the measures proposed to strictly implement the tenure of deputation policy?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The policy governing tenure of deputation is followed, strictly, in the Canteen Stores Department.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Procedure to place orders for CSD goods

4611. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a set and prescribed procedure and system to place orders for goods by Canteen Stores Department;

(b) if so, whether such procedures have to be followed without exception;

(c) whether Government monitors such compliance;

(d) is it a fact that such procedures and rules have been abandoned recently for a number of items like fans etc;

(e) if so, how does Government propose to ensure compliance; and

(f) the details of exceptions being made by CSD?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Canteen Stores Department has a Provisioning Committee which, amongst others, has the Controller of Defence Accounts and the Integrated Financial Advisor as members, to strictly monitor compliance of the prescribed procedures.

(d) to (f) Do not arise in view of (a), (b) and (c) above.

Purchase of Russian Tank

4612. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been negotiating for the purchase of a new Russian tank which even does not exist and has not entered the pre-production stage as yet; and

(b) if so, the reasons for entering into negotiations for the new Russian tank which has also not gone through field tests?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) A high level delegation visited Russia to evaluate a Russian tank, which is a derivative of the tanks already productionised in India. This tank was demonstrated to the Team.

(b) As per the existing procedure, the equipment, which can not be trial-evaluated in India, are required to be evaluated by sending a delegation, abroad.